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SUBJECT: UNOBLIGATED SY FUNDS

1. SINCE FEBRUARY 77, RSO HAS BEEN EVATING AND SYSTEM-
ATICALLY RE-ALIGNING CONTRACT GUARD SERVICES. BY THE
END OF SEPT., GUARD SERVICE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM
182 IN FEB TO APPROXIMATELY 110. THE MAJOR PORTION OF THIS
REDUCTION RESULTS FROM THE ELIMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL GUARD
SERVICES. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE COM AND DCM, ALL RESI-
DENTIAL GUARD SERVICES SHOULD BE ABOLISHED BY SEPT. 30. AT
THE PRESENT TIME, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 40 GUARDS SERVING
RESIDENCES. THE COST IS OVER \$20,000 PER MONTH.

2. RSO FEELS THAT BETTER AND MORE EQUITABLE SERVICE CAN BE
ACHIEVED BY SLIGHTLY INCREASING TND RE-ALIGNING THE MOBILE
PATROLS COVERING THE AREA. THEY PERFORM A SUPERIOR SERVICE
TO THE HOUSE GUARD. THEY ARE AWARE OF THE TOTAL SECURITY
SITUATION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND CAN RESPOND IMMEDIATELY
TO ANY SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. THEY MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH
PROVINCIAL POLICE AUTHORITIES CONCERNING THE OVERALL
SECURITY IN THE AREA THEY ARE COVERING. AS MANY OF THE
TERRORIST-INITIATED INCIDENTS, KIDNAPPINGS AND ASSASSINA-
TIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BY PRE-POSITIONED PEOPLE IN AND
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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THEIR TARGETS, THE PATROL CAR
PROVIDES A BETTER SERVICE IN SPOTTING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS
SITUATIONS. FURTHERMORE, THE MOTOR PATROLS PROVIDE
MORE EQUITABLE, LESS DISCRIMINATING SERVICE. IN SOME
INSTANCES, THE HOUSE GUARDS
BECOME LITTLE MORE THAN CARETAKERS. THE MOBILE PATROLS
ARE A SUPERIOR SERVICE, ABLE TO RESPOND WITH STRENGTH

AND FORCE RAPIDLY.

3. THE PRESENT GUARD SERVICE CONTRACT STIPULATES THAT GUARDS WHOSE SERVICES ARE DISPENSED WITH, N WITHOUT CAUSE, MUST BE PAID SEVERANCE PAY. IN THIS CASE, SEVERANCE PAY WILL AMOUNT TO ABOUT \$30,000. ALTHOUGH THE INITIAL AMOUNT IS HIGH, IT WILL BE IMMEDIATELY OFFSET BY THE MONTHLY REDUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY \$20,000 AND CONSEQUENTLY A REDUCED YEARLY GUARD SERVICE COST TO ALL AGENCIES.

4. RSO HAS APPROXIMATELY \$30,000 IN UNOBLIGATED FUNDS WHICH NORMALLY WOULD BE TURNED BACK TO THE DEPT IN SEPT OF THIS YEAR. POST REQUESTS TO USE THESE FUNDS TO PAY OFF EXISTING RESIDENTIAL CONTRACT GUARDS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. PLEASE NOTIFY US BY SEPT. 15 IF SY HAS ANY OBJECTION TO THIS USE OF UNOBLIGATED SY FUNDS.

5. FURTHER GUARD REDUCTION WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT YEAR IF SECURITY SITUATION CONTINUES TO IMPROVE.
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